

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2177 – SB 3707**

February 1, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the county election commission to issue free photo identification cards to persons who affirm that the identification card will be used for voting purposes; that he or she does not have a valid government-issued photo ID; and that he or she is a registered voter. Establishes that this photo ID will be considered sufficient evidence of a person's identification when voting. Requires the Coordinator of Elections to provide the necessary equipment, supplies, and training to each county Administrator of Elections for the issuance of these photo ID cards.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$762,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- According to the Coordinator of Elections, based on cost estimates obtained from at least two vendors, the one-time increase in state expenditures to create a photo ID system will be \$762,356.
- The \$762,356 cost of the system includes the equipment cost of \$631,750 (\$6,650 per county for a printer, software costs, and a webcam x 95 counties); installation and training cost of \$108,775 (\$1,145 per county for on-site installation, set-up and training x 95 counties); and supply costs of \$21,831 (cards and rolls of lamination material for 95 counties).
- This cost estimate is for a plastic photo ID system similar to the ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
- The photo ID system will produce a two-sided plastic card with a color photograph on one side. The card will be laminated on the photograph side and will contain security holograms to prevent the card from being reproduced. The system will also have the capability of imprinting a barcode on the back side of the card for security purposes.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, the photo ID system will be competitively bid and is expected to be in place by the fall of 2012.
- County election employee training on the use of the photo ID equipment can be accommodated within existing resources without a reduction in other budget items.

- The photo ID cards will be issued by the county election commission offices within the normal course of business and will not require additional personnel or resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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